investment of approximately Rs. 3260 crores. These projects include development of container terminals, general cargo berths, iron ore berths, liquid cargo berth, LNG terminal, coal berth and are likely to result in additional capacity of about 50 million tonnes per annum.

Ahmedabad-Vadodara Express Highway

1564. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the completion of Ahmedabad-Vadodara Express Highways, it is not being utilized;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) by when it would start operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway Phase-I (Km.0.00 to km 43.40) was opened to traffic on 28.01.2003 and Phase-II (km. 43.40 to Km. 93.65) was opened to traffic on 24.08.2004.

Old bridges on National Highways

1565. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever conducted any study on old bridges on National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such National Highways on which old bridges exist;

(c) whether some of these bridges are in dilapidated condition; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to repair these bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.